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SUBJECT: SADAT'S INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES AND SALZBURG
EXPECTATIONS

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1. AS REPORTED IN MORE DETAIL IN REFERENCE, A SOURCE
WITH POSSIBILITY OF POSSESSING INFORMATION WITH SOME
INTEGRITY HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO INFORM A NATO
MILATT THAT SADAT IS ENCOUNTERING POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES
WHICH COULD BECOME CRITICAL IF THE SALZBURG MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT FORD DOES NOT PRODUCE CONCRETE, POSITIVE
RESULTS IN TERMS OF AN OUTLOOK FOR STRONGER US INFLUENCE
ON ISRAEL AND SUPPORT FOR THE EGYPTIAN POSITION.

2. SOURCE PUT THIS IN FRAMEWORK OF DIFFICULT EGYPTIAN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS INVOLVING EGYPTIAN NEED
FOR MILITARY AID AND SOVIET DEMANDS FOR CONCESSIONS
IN RETURN, AND SAID EGYPTIAN ABILITY TO RESIST SOVIET
DEMANDS IN LONG RUN WILL BE DETERMINED BY RESULTS
OF SALZBURG MEETING.

3. EMBASSY AGREES WITH ANALYSIS IN REFERENCE THAT WHILE
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IT IS POSSIBLE THIS IS A DISINFORMATION PLOY INTENDED

TO INFLUENCE US STANCE AT SALZBURG, POSSIBILITY
REMAINS THAT IT COULD BE AN ACCURATE PORTRAYAL OF
EGYPTIAN CONCERN.
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